80. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. T. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Member, Trivandrum taluk, Group I*) dealt with the following needs of the taluk :—

(1) Petta-Kulathur road. This road had already been opened up to the Kadagampalli pakuthi cutcherry. It should be extended to Kulathur.

(2) Koprapura road. It was only a mile long and no extensive land acquisition was necessary to make the road cartable. The road if gravelled would be of great use to the pupils of the S. M. V. School and the Sanskrit College.

(3) Kosakode-Trikunnapuram road. It was at present a foot path about two miles in length. It should be converted into a cartable road.

(4) Attukal road. This was now a wide lane. It should be made cartable from Singarathope to Iranimuttam.

(5) There were several tanks in the taluk which required renovation. The member said he would send a list of them to the Dewan Peishkar, and he urged that their renovation might be taken up at once.

(6) Decent buildings should be put up for the District Court and the Munsiff's court, Trivandrum.

(7) The First Class Magistrate's court at Trivandrum had a very heavy file of cases. The Magistrate had to be on circuit very often in connection with revenue and income-tax work. This told upon his magisterial work. In order to give some relief to him, it was necessary to invest the town Magistrate with first class powers.

(8) Persons possessing an intimate knowledge of the Procedure and the Penal Codes should alone be appointed as Village Panchayat Judges and Bench Magistrates. The Presidents of Village Panchayat courts and Bench Magistrates' courts must always be retired District Munsiffs or Division Assistants. They might, if necessary, be given an honorarium. Under no condition was a Vakil practising in the Munsiffs' court or in the District court to be appointed as a judge. The tenure of office of the president should be limited to two years.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, you have raised so many points. I shall try to answer as many as possible within the time available. In regard to the extension of the new road from Katakampalli pakuthi cutcherry as far as Kulathur, sanction was given three years ago to the construction of the work in three different sections. The first section, from Kaithamukku to Pettah junction, second section from Pettah junction to Katakampalli pakuthi cutcherry and the third from the Katakampalli pakuthi cutcherry to the Ezhava temple. The second section is already under completion and the first section is being proceeded with and the work is going on. An estimate for Rs. 2,890 has been received for the third section. There is the question whether it will cross the railway line ; if it does not, it will be proceeded with. The road you now suggest is not any of these.

MEMBER : It is that road which Mr. Natesa Iyer inspected.

DEWAN : That road is on the lands east of the Veli lake. A costly bridge will have to be constructed if it is taken up. Moreover, the land is rugged and broken and road-making there is a very expensive matter.

MEMBER : Mr. Natesa Aiyar inspected and was of opinion that a costly bridge will have to be constructed. A ferry will do.

DEWAN : Now you say a ferry will do. But that will be followed up with a request for a bridge. The history of ferries is very clearly written and all follow a definite course, ferry first, bridge next.

The road would cost Rs. 10,000 exclusive of the bridge.

MEMBER : I am once more definite. Only a ferry is necessary.

DEWAN : That is, we are only postponing the bridge.

MEMBER : We are not at all particular to get a bridge.

DEWAN : That question will have to stand over at present.

MEMBER : I consulted the people of the place and they do not agitate for it.

DEWAN : I know of the same thing in other places in Travancore.

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In regard to the advisability of repairing the foot path from near the Kusakkodu temple to Thrikunnapuram temple and making it fit for carts, the path is not maintained by the P. W. D.

MEMBER: It is only a foot path.

DEWAN: It is about 2½ miles in length and if the people would surrender lands we will have the road widened and converted into a cart road.

In regard to the construction of a road from Singaratoppu *via* Attukal temple to Iranimuttam, the Chief Engineer reports that there is a metalled road to Iranimuttam running parallel with the lane which you propose to have improved and extended. It is one or two furlongs south of the road. It is difficult to be improved, and the existing road serves the same purpose.

MEMBER: The existing road will be under water during rainy season because it is very near Killiar.

DEWAN: The lane also will be under water. The road you have is a metalled one.

The whole question of tank restoration is under consideration of Government. All these will be brought under a systematised programme.

The question of new buildings for the District courts and the Munsiffs' courts at Trivandrum is also now engaging the attention of Government.

81. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. N. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Member, Trivandrum taluk, Group II*) said that the foremost among the needs of the Trivandrum taluk were those which related to communications and they were :—

(1) Repair of the Vettiode village road running from Vettiode near Kazhakuttam to Kattaikonam and the construction of a bridge over the Thettiar at the commencement of the road. The road was only about 2½ miles in length and it had a heavy cart traffic being the shortest route from the Pothancode market to the Kaniyapuram railway station. It was full of ruts and hollows and had to be repaired. The bridges over the Thettiar would not at all be costly as the channel was but 15 feet wide.

(2) Conversion of the trace running from the 8th mile, 8th furlong, of the Trivandrum Quilon main road to the Pothancode market into a cart road.

(3) Extension of the newly constructed Chakay-Udiyiniswaram road up to the Veli lake. This was a road in respect of which it was said last year that arrangements were already in progress for the construction. But nothing was done as yet, and the work had to be expedited.

(4) Conversion into a road of the lane running from the Vanchiyur High School to the Palkulangara road across the Athani and Copra lanes. This road was sanctioned by Government a few years ago and all the preliminary arrangements were made for its construction. But the proceedings were suspended all of a sudden. The work should be resumed.

(5) Repair of the Karali road running along the eastern bank of the Navigation Canal from Chakkay to the old landing place and the construction of parapet walls along the bank of the canal.

(6) Maintenance of the bye-roads and lanes in the Trivandrum town. The Public Works Department was not attending to the maintenance of the lanes in the town. The municipality was responsible only for the sanitation of the lanes. The P. W. D. had therefore to be made responsible for the maintenance of the lanes or the maintenance had to be entrusted to the municipality with the necessary grant.

(7) Repair of the Anathalchira at Pallipuram. This was the biggest irrigation tank in the taluk and it served six pakuthies of the taluk. It had to be properly repaired.

As regards medical relief, a dispensary should be established in a central place between Shearam and Pallipuram.

In conclusion, the member urged for the inauguration of a town-planning scheme for Trivandrum. The municipality might be asked to pay a portion of the cost of the scheme, but Government should contribute the rest.

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